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Exeter Man Sentenced on Federal Firearms Charge

Bangor, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that **Leon E. Maloon**, 50, of Exeter, Maine, was sentenced on August 13, 2007, in U.S. District Court in Bangor, to 37 months in prison and 3 years of supervised release. On February 13, 2007, Maloon was indicted on one count of Felon in Possession of a Firearm, and on May 18, 2007, he pleaded guilty to that charge.

Court records reveal that, on October 1, 2006, Maloon was arrested after a report that he was armed and had threatened to harm his girlfriend. At the time of his arrest, Maloon had a loaded .22 caliber rifle and ammunition in his pickup truck. As a convicted felon, Maloon is prohibited from possessing firearms. At the time Maloon possessed the firearm and ammunition, he had been convicted of numerous felonies in Maine.

This case was part of Maine's Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative. The initiative coordinates the efforts of federal and state agencies in order to increase the successful prosecution of firearms cases and educate potential offenders on the serious consequences of illegal gun use and possession.

United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Dexter Police Department, and the Somerset County Sheriff's Office.

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